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SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT GENERAL AMNESTY

1. ON 26 JULY COALITION OF LEFTIST GROUPS (8,000 STRONG ACCORDING TO PRESS) HELD PARADE TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR GENERAL AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE DATE WAS CHOSEN TO COMMEMORATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE 1968 STUDENT MOVEMENT IN MEXICO AS WELL AS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION. THE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO OBTAIN A MILLION SIGNATURES SUPPORTING A DRAFT LAW FOR GENERAL AMNESTY.

2. THE PARADE AND PROGRAM WERE LED BY SRA. ROSARIO IBARRA DE PIEDRA, LEADER OF THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND POLITICAL PRISONERS; ARNOLDO MARTINEZ VERDUGO, SEC GEN OF THE PCM; MANUEL AGUILAR MORA, LEADER OF THE PRT; EVARISTO PEREZ ARREOLA AND ELIEZER MORALES ARAGON, LEADERS OF STUNAM. GROUPS OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND STRIKING WORKERS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE PARADE. STUNAM LEADER PEREZ ARREOLA PREDICTED A STRIKE IN COMING MONTHS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OVER WAGES AND BENEFITS. PRESS REPORTS THAT 5,000 POLICE AGENTS AND 300 MOUNTED POLICE WERE ASSIGNED

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TO CONTROL THE PARADE.

3. COMMENT: THE CAMPAIGN FOR GENERAL AMNESTY IS ONE OF THE FEW ISSUES THAT APPEARS TO UNIFY THE FACTIOUS MEXICAN LEFT. DESPITE THE MARXIST ORIENTATION OF SOME OF ITS LEADERS, THE HUMAN RIGHTS APPEAL OF THE CAMPAIGN MAY WELL DRAW SUPPORT FROM SOME MEMBERS OF THE MIDDLE CLASS, WHO

ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO ABUSIVE POLICE BEHAVIOR. MCANINCH

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